HISTORY

OF

CRAWFORD AND CLARK COUNTIES,

ILLINOIS.

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HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY.

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whether from that source or otherwise, that the annual town meetings in the New England States have ever since been held in the spring of the year. New York imitated this example; and in every Northwestern State where the township system exists, the annual town meeting for election of officers, occurs likewise in the spring, either in March or April.

The township officers are one supervisor, who is *ex officio*, member of the county board, a town clerk, one assessor and collector each, three commissioners of highways, two justices of the peace and two constables, and as many road overseers as there are road districts in the township. Our system, as adopted and perfected, is borrowed almost entire from the laws of New York. The officers are the same—their duties substantially the same. Boards of supervisors, as constituted by the laws of our State, are deliberative assemblies and their proceedings conducted according to general parliamentary rules.

The county court, at its December term, 1854, following the adoption of township organization, appointed Randolph Lee, Charles H. Welsh and John B. Briscoe commissioners to lay off the county into townships, as required and provided for in the legislative act, who performed their duty as follows: Wabash, Marshall, Dolson, Parker, Westfield, Cumberland, Martinsville, Anderson, Darwin, York, Melrose, Orange and Johnson. The first supervisors elected under township organization were John Pearce, from Anderson Township; George Conger, Cumberland; James Lockard, Darwin; Wesley Norman, Dolson; James Brooks, Johnson; Nathan Willard, Marshall; Morrison Spenny, Martinsville; James Cowden, Melrose; John Swope, Orange; T. H. Connelly, Parker; Andrew Dunlap, Wabash; Chas. Biggs, Westfield; and Jacob Dolson, York.

There was considerable dissatisfaction concerning the division of the county into townships. The people of York Township, at the September term, 1855, of the board of supervisors, petitioned that so much of York Township as lies north of Mill Creek, be attached to Darwin Township, which resolution was considered and rejected. The citizens of Darwin Township also presented a petition for a change and alteration of the boundary line of the township, which was also rejected.

The law delegated to boards of supervisors power and authority to create new townships. And so at the September term, 1858, the board created Douglas Township, the fourteenth organized township. At their June term 1859, the board organized a new township, composed of nine sections of land from Dolson township, three from Martinsville, three from Marshall, and one from Anderson, and called it "Auburn." This is the central township in the county, and was the last formed. It is four miles square, and contains sixteen sections of land.

No other change, either in name or boundary of any township has been made up to the present time. The names and land areas of the townships as now organized, are as follows:

Anderson Township,	.....	35	sections.
Auburn	"	16	"
Casey	"	36	"
Darwin	"	about 34	"
Dolson,	"	40½	"
Douglas	"	18	"
Johnson	"	36	"
Marshall	"	33	"
Martinsville	"	37½	"
Melrose	"	36	"
Orange	"	36	"
Parker	"	36	"
Wabash	"	72	"
Westfield	"	18	"
York	"	about 35	"
		Total 519	

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PART III.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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WABASH TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM MACHLAN, merchant, Macksville, Ind. William Machlan is a son of Homer and Catharine (Glover) Machlan, and was born in Clark County, Ill., November 30, 1855. His father was born March 31, 1831, in Rush County, Ind., and was the second of a family of three children of William E. Machlan and Elizabeth Stiles; the former born in 1799, in Pennsylvania, and the latter in 1804, in Lawrenceburg, Ind. Soon after marriage, they settled in Rush County, Ind., where the father died July 28, 1833, leaving three children, viz.: Sarah, wife of I. P. Brown; Homer, and George

continued below

W. Machlan. The mother afterward married Randolph Lee, with whom she lived until the time of her death, which occurred in March, 1860. Homer Machlan was married September 5, 1854, in Clark County, to Miss Catharine Glover, daughter of William and Nancy (Downey) Glover. Her father was born in Pennsylvania August 8, 1789, and served as a soldier through the war of 1812, and was married, September 23, 1819, to Miss Nancy Downey, who was born in March, 1777. They had a family of five children, of whom Mrs. M. is the youngest. She was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 24, 1832, and came to this county with her parents in 1852. Here the mother died, September 3, 1858. Her father subsequently married Lucinda Travioli, and died at his home, December 14, 1872. Homer Machlan has a family of four children, of whom one is deceased, viz.: William T. Machlan, born November 30, 1855; Walter B., born October 24, 1857, and married to Miss Adelia Sims; Ella M., born May 14, 1864, and died September 20, 1865; Nancy A., born August 16, 1867. Our subject was principally educated in Marshall, and married on the 23d of March, 1882, to Miss Jennie Broadhurst, of Vigo County, Ind. She was born October 5, 1862. Mr. Macklin, since April, 1880, has been engaged in the mercantile business on the Terre Haute & Darwin road, in the southeast part of the township of Warren; carries a stock of general merchandise.

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Notes on Machlin, Selby, Lee Families in Illinois

Several clues recently took us to Clark County Illinois hunting these people. We had found a record in Black Cemetery for Joshua J. Selby (this was mentioned in notes accompanying Rush County, Indiana 1850 census). More recently we found that Homer and Catherine Machlin, their daughter Ella and Randolph and/or Elizabeth Lee are also buried in this cemetery. It happens that Black Cemetery spans the Indiana/Illinois state line, putting it in Vigo County, Indiana and Clark County, Illinois. Information we received from Walter E. Norris showed that Charles Norris and Catherine Selby were married November 19, 1857 at Marshall, Illinois — Marshall is the county seat of Clark County. Joshua J. Selby had died in 1856 and his 3 sisters (Catherine married to Charles Norris, Martha Rachel married to Charles King Cottom, and Eliza J. a domestic in the household of Charles E. Bently) were the only members of Randolph Lee's 1850 household that we could find in Vigo County in 1860. We then looked in Clark County and found Homer Machlin (with a wife and 2 sons), and William J. and Peter Lee — also with wives and children. That leaves

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MARTHA A. LEE, GEORGE W. MACHLIN AND THE PARENTS, RANDOLPH AND ELIZABETH LEE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THE 1860 CENSUS. THE BLACK CEMETERY RECORD WE'VE SEEN IS DONE IN A VERY CONFUSING WAY — IT WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT IT'S RANDOLPH LEE WHO'S BURIED THERE, BUT THE ATTACHED BIOGRAPHY FROM THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORY SAYS ELIZABETH WAS BORN IN 1804 AND DIED IN 1860. THE CEMETERY INDICATES THE PERSON (RANDOLPH OR ELIZABETH) DIED IN 1860 AT THE AGE OF 55 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 15 DAYS. THAT WOULD WORK OUT TO BE ELIZABETH'S AGE IF THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

THE BIOGRAPHY IS ABOUT WILLIAM MACHLIN, SON OF HOMER AND CATHERINE. IT TELLS US THE MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF ELIZABETH (MOTHER OF THE MACHLIN AND SELBY CHILDREN), BUT OMITS THE FACT THAT SHE MARRIED WILLIAM SELBY SEPTEMBER 17, 1835 IN RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA. WILLIAM SELBY APPARENTLY DIED IN THE EARLY 1840s — THEN ELIZABETH MARRIED RANDOLPH LEE.

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FAMILY HISTORY RECORD

RECORD No. _____

HUSBAND COTTOM, (Henry?) Richard

Birthdate ca 1800 Birthplace (Lancashire?) England

Deathdate ca 1842 Burial Place Monroe County American Bottoms area, Illinois

Son of

and (Maiden Name)

Marriage Date 24 January 1830 Place of Marriage Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio

WIFE NORRIS, Elizabeth

Birthdate ca 1808 Birthplace Pennsylvania

Deathdate ca 1850-1860 Burial Place Vigo County, Indiana

Daughter of: Norris, James

and (Maiden Name) SHAW, Sarah

Data Obtained from:

Additional Date:

Other Marriages

Places of Residence

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CHILDREN	BIRTH Date	BIRTH Place	DEATH Date	DEATH Place	MARRIAGE Date	MARRIAGE Place	To Whom
James COTTOM	c. 1830						
Joseph B COTTOM	c. 1831	Ohio					
* Charles King COTTOM	10 July 1833	Ohio	17 August 1906	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co, Kansas	3 Oct. 1858	Clark County, Illinois	SELBY, Martha Rachel
Henry Richard COTTOM	20 May 1835	Riley Township, Vigo County, Indiana	7 November 1920	S.E. of Riley, Vigo County, Indiana	6 March 1862	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana	HATHORNE, Sarah A.
Nancy Ann COTTOM	20 March 1837	Vigo County, Indiana	27 July 1914	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana	m.1 11 Feb 1858 m.2 24 Oct 1867	Vigo Co. Indiana	MATTOX, Samuel H. HOLMES, Joseph H.

FAMILY HISTORY RECORD

RECORD No. _____

HUSBAND COTTOM, Charles King
Birthdate 10 July 1833 Birthplace Ohio
Deathdate 17 August 1906 Burial Place Fairview Cemetery (Block A, Lot 3) Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas
Son of COTTOM, (Henry?) Richard and (Maiden Name) NORRIS, Elizabeth
Marriage Date 3 October 1858 Place of Marriage Clark County, Illinois

WIFE SELBY, Martha Rachel
Birthdate 11 July 1843 Birthplace Rush County, Indiana
Deathdate 6 October 1899 Burial Place Fairview Cemetery (Block A, Lot 3) Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas
Daughter of: SELBY, William and (Maiden Name) STITES (or STILES), Elizabeth

Data Obtained from:
Additional Data:
Other Marriages
Places of Residence
Military Service
Occupations
Other Information Eliz. STITES (or STILES) m.1 Wm MACHLAN, m.2 SELBY, and m.3 Randolph LEE

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Jane COTTOM	3 July 1859	Vigo Co., Indiana	Died at age of 10 months				
Armilda Alice COTTOM	13 Feb. 1861	Vigo County, Indiana	7 Aug 1915	Near Atlanta, Cowley Co., KS (buried Fairview Cem. Cherryvale)	23 Jan 1878	Vigo County, Indiana	McQUEARY, Lot E.
Clement Vollandigham COTTOM	16 March 1863	Riley Township Vigo County, Indiana	28 Jan. 1911	Roger Mills County, Oklahoma	27 June 1893		BUSHMAN, Dora Catherine
Adeline COTTOM	3 March 1865	Vigo County, Indiana	6 July 1909	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co. Kansas	1884	Oswego, Labette Co., KS	BARKER, Alfred M.
* Samuel William COTTOM	18 March 1867	Vigo County, Indiana	24 Dec. 1945	Coffeyville, Montgomery Co, Kansas	18 Aug. 1896	Canada Twp, Labette Co, Kansas	HODGE, Margaret Jane
Nancy Ann COTTOM	27 May 1870	Vigo County, Indiana	28 July, 1938	Altoona, Wilson County, Kansas	30 April 1903		DUCKWORTH, Horatio Claudius
Henry Richard COTTOM	1 April 1872	Vigo County, Indiana	19 Nov. 1922	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas	1893		WILKERSON, Etta
Homer Machlan COTTOM	6 Oct. 1875	Vigo County, Indiana	17 Jan. 1943	California	1903		BEAL, Lucy
Jesse Hurley COTTOM	25 Sept. 1881	Mound Valley Twp., Labette Co., Kansas	28 Feb 1950	Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas	18 June 1902	Chanute, Neosho Co., KS	HERTELER, Alpha Laura
Thomas Ray COTTOM	3 Sept. 1887	Mound Valley Twp., Labette Co., Kansas	19 Dec 1895	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas (buried Fairview Cem.)			

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WIFE Selby, Martha Rachel
Birthdate 11 July 1843 Birthplace Rush County, Indiana
Deathdate 6 October 1899 Burial Place Fairview Cemetery (Block A, Lot 3) Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas
Daughter of: Selby, William
and (Maiden Name) Stites (or Stiles), Elizabeth

Data Obtained from:
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Other Information Eliz. Stites (or Stiles) m.1 Wm Machlan, m.2 Selby, and m.3 Randolph Lee

Added: "Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., KS" to Nancy Ann's marriage info. →

Changed Henry Richard's death month from Nov. ← to Oct.

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* Samuel William Cottom	18 March 1867	Vigo County, Indiana	24 Dec. 1945	Coffeyville, Montgomery Co., Kansas	18 Aug. 1896	Canada Twp, Labette Co., Kansas	Hodge, Margaret Jane
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Henry Richard Cottom	1 April 1872	Vigo County, Indiana	19 Oct. 1922	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas	1893		Wilkerson, Etta
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HUSBAND COTTOM, Samuel William
Birthdate 18 March 1867 Birthplace Vigo County, Indiana
Deathdate 24 December 1945 Burial Place Coffeyville, Montgomery Co., Kansas (buried Fairview Cemetery, Coffeyville)

Son of COTTOM, Charles King and (Maiden Name) SELBY, Martha Rachel

Marriage Date 18 August 1896 Place of Marriage Canada Township, Labette County, Kansas

WIFE HODGE, Margaret Jane
Birthdate 4 June 1876 Birthplace Rural Angola, Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas
Deathdate 17 December 1962 Burial Place (buried Fairview Cemetery, Coffeyville)

Daughter of: HODGE, Walter Clark and (Maiden Name) MICHAELS, Elizabeth Jane

Data Obtained from:

Additional Data:
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- Other Information Clyde's marriage license was issued in Oswego, Labette County, Kansas

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* Clyde Walter COTTOM	10 Dec. 1898	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co, Kansas	9 Aug. 1975	Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas	2 Aug. 1923	Columbus, Cherokee Co, KS	CUNNINGHAM, Mamie
Bessie Edith COTTOM	5 July 1904	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co, Kansas	2 Jan. 1993	Bethany, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (b. Fairview Cem, Coffeyville)	19 June 1933	Cherryvale, Montgomery Co, KS	CASORT, Charles Jay
Homer Richard COTTOM	7 April 1910	Montgomery Co, Kansas			25 Sept. 1939	Kansas	HARRIS, Catherine Augusta
Harold William COTTOM	14 Feb. 1915	Kansas					

FAMILY HISTORY RECORD

RECORD No. _____

HUSBAND Cottom, Clyde Walter
Birthdate 10 December 1898 Birthplace Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Kansas
Deathdate 9 August 1975 Burial Place Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas
Son of Cottom, Samuel William and (Maiden Name) Hodge, Margaret Jane
Marriage Date 2 August 1923 Place of Marriage Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas (License issued in Oswego, Labette County, Kansas)

WIFE Cunningham, Mamie
Birthdate 26 April 1903 Birthplace Turck, Cherokee County, Kansas
Deathdate 18 January 1975 Burial Place Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas
Daughter of: Cunningham, Duncan and (Maiden Name) Porter, Helen Bargetta

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*	Melvin Clyde Cottom	11 Oct 1924	Coffeyville, Montgomery Co., Kansas			18 Aug 1968	Manhattan, Riley Co., Kansas	Brumm, Mary Elizabeth
m.1	Edith Marie Cottom	17 Feb 1928	Coffeyville, Montgomery Co., Kansas	27 Jan 1974	Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas	24 July 1947	Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas	Livingston, Wm Harwood
m.2	"	"	"	"	"	3 Oct. 1958	"	Pendleton, Wm Biklen
m.3	"	"	"	"	"	18 Aug 1971	"	Rankin, Charles Constant